BETTER LIGHTING NEEDED IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS.

In a paper read before the Illuminating Engineering Society, February, 1920, entitled, "A Survey of Industrial Lighting in Fifteen States," R. O. Eastman submitted some very interesting data regarding the lighting conditions in industrial institutions. The survey comprises some 446 institutions, in which lighting was considered by 55.4% as being vitally important, and by 31.6% as being moderately important, and by 13% as being of little importance. Practically 58% considered that lighting was as important as power in the operation of the plant, and a small proportion would give more attention to lighting than to anything else.

In considering the present condition of lighting as found in the various plants, only 9% ranked as excellent, about ⅓ ranked as good, 29% fair, 18.8% poor, 3.5% very poor, and 7.8% partly good and partly poor. It was found that the lighting in the offices was far superior to that in the shops; 19% being excellent, 36% good, 31% fair, and only 13% poor and none very poor.

On consulting the executives regarding what factors were most important in considering lighting, the following facts were revealed: Increase of production 79.4%, decrease of spoilage 71.1%, prevention of accidents 59.5%, improvement of good discipline 51.2%, and improvement of hygienic conditions 41.4%. Manufacturers who have good lighting appreciated its value largely from the standpoint of its stimulating effect upon output.

There is no question that any intelligent man who carefully considers the necessity for good lighting in an industrial plant, will agree that it is impossible for a person to do as good work, either in quality or quantity, in poor light as in good light, but yet the result of a careful analysis discloses the fact that only about 40% of industrial plants are furnishing good light to their workers and 60% are operating under poor lighting. It is hard to understand why such a proportion of concerns can be satisfied with a condition which is universally admitted to be a curtailer of efficiency and a prolific causer of accidents. The principal cause of this condition is that those in charge of such establishments have not given the attention to lighting that it demands. They do not know what constitutes good lighting, and in their absorbing interest of other factors of production have overlooked a vital one.

Every safety official should deeply interest himself in the lighting of his plant and insist upon good lighting as much as good goggles, good guards and other necessary accident prevention equipment. Every production manager should insist upon good lighting because the efficiency of the working force is increased by the condition of the lighting furnished. The plant physician should examine the lighting, for eye strain and eye fatigue are directly affected by poor lighting, as is the hygienic condition. Well lighted plants are invariably cleaner than poor lighted places. Plants equipped with Factrolite Glass in all windows are well lighted.

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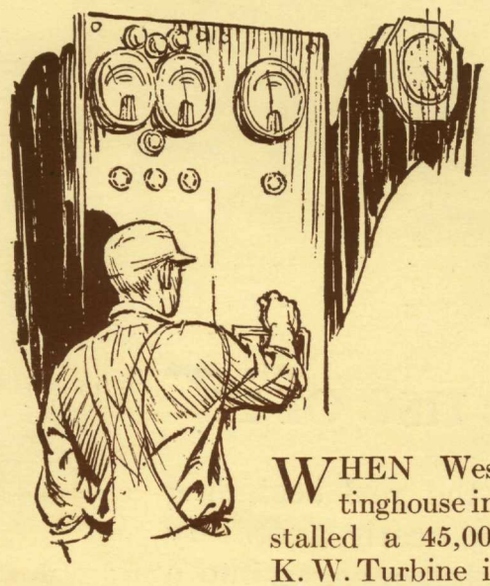
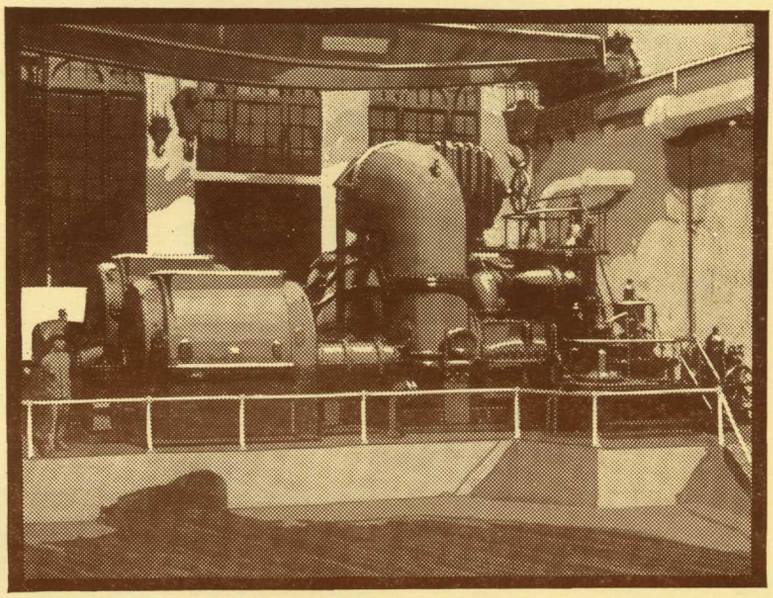


At 5:20 P. M., March 8th, 1920, Westinghouse Turbine Established World's Record for Continuous Running.

What Engineering Owes to Good Workmanship

WHEN Westinghouse installed a 45,000 K. W. Turbine in the power house of the Narragansett Electric Light Company, Providence, R. I., early in December, 1919, there was no thought of more than the average weekly power house run. Abnormal weather conditions, however, brought so steady a demand for power, that the unit was not shut down until March 8th, 1920, after a continuous run of 84 days, 11 hours, and 36 minutes.



45,000 K. W. Westinghouse Cross-Compound Turbine Unit at the Station of the Narragansett Electric Light Company, Providence, R. I.

This was especially remarkable in that the unit consists of two turbine generator sets, each of which operates independently of the other, so that the result was the mechanical equivalent of operating a single machine continuously for 169 days.

If space permitted, many astounding figures could be cited—about the K. W. H. generated during this period, the water and coal used, the cooling system, the oiling system, etc.

For example, to keep the generators cool, over 18,000,000,000 cubic feet of air passed through them, which equals 2,000 times the total weight of the generators and their bed plates.

Equally impressive, oil was pumped through the self-contained lubricating system to the bearings at the rate of 600 gallons a minute. Had the oiling system failed for only 30 seconds, the bearings would have been wrecked, and other parts of the unit harmed!

There is interesting history back of the operation of Westinghouse Turbine Units of 3,000 K. W. and higher. Notable records have been made in many of the world's great power plants, performance that is a tribute to remarkable engineering and good workmanship.

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1791-1867

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"What's the use of it?"

Michael Faraday saw the real beginning of the age of electricity nearly a century ago when he thrust a bar magnet into a coil of wire connected with a galvanometer and made the needle swing.

Gladstone, watching Faraday at work in his laboratory, asked, "What's the use of it?" The experimenter jestingly replied, "There is every probability that you will soon be able to tax it." The world-wide use of electricity that has followed the Faraday discovery abundantly justifies the retort to Gladstone.

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